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Group Art Unit : 2611

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but requires an election between two groups of claims.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment; [] Letter to Official Draftsperson; [X] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Declaration; [] a Power of Attorney; [] a Submission of Formal Drawings; [] formal drawings; to be filed in the above identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.
- [] A fee for additional claims is required.

 The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	162 -	20 *	= 0 X	\$ 18	= \$ 0
INDEPENDE CLAIMS		4 **	= 0 X	\$ 88	= \$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM + \$ 300 = \$ 0					
* If less than 20, insert 20. TOTAL \$0 ** If less than 3, insert 3.					
[] A check in the amount of \$ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.					
[] Please charge \$ to Deposit Account No in payment of the filing fee.					
[X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.					
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month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$920.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1440.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); [] \$1960.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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- (1) Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (2) Response to Office Action; and
- (3) Postcard.